THE BRETON BOSTER

BRETON SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PLAN PUT ON HOLD

Wild Rose School Division News March 12, 2024

With the announcement of the latest budget and the Approved School Capital Projects, the modernization of Breton High School was noticeably absent from the list. This project was approved for design funding in the 2023

budget. Planning has been underway to modernize Breton High School to fit all Breton students (K-12) and to demolish Breton Elementary. This includes the preparation of construction tender documents, including drawings and specifications.

"While we are disappointed that the Breton project was not approved for construction funding, we are hopeful that with all of the work and planning that has already occurred, this will just be a temporary pause and that it will be approved in the 2025 budget," stated Board Chair, Daryl Scott.

"It is unfortunate that after a year's work on design plans, the Breton community is left wondering when or if this will happen," said WRSD Superintendent, Brad Volkman. "Regardless, the staff of Breton Elementary and Breton High School remain committed to providing powerful learning environments for our students."

The plan to bus Breton High students to Warburg for the next school year will not be happening. There will be no need to vacate the building as there will be no construction occurring.





BRETON HISTORY

Art Burrows Lumber Co.

Breton Museum Facebook March 8, 2024

Today's post is a great photo from the Breton Museum collection. It's a picture from the Art Burrows Lumber Co. of Norbuck, Ab. circa 1940's. The photo was taken by W.F. Montgomery of Chase BC. and came to the Museum via a donation from Roy Wold. Burrows Lumber moved their mill from the Buck Lake area to Norbuck, in 1932, where they operated until 1944, when they relocated their mill to Aggie, near High Prairie, AB.

Notice the log jammer frame in the background, used to load the logs on the truck. also notice the set of sleigh runners attached to the back of the truck to extend the flat deck to accommodate the logs. Quite a load for the size of the truck!

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Sudoku Answers from Mar 13 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row. column. and the nine 3×3 subgrids.

- $\sqrt{}$ Cold sore √ Hemorrhoids $\sqrt{}$ Bladder / Urinary
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by March 25, 2024

Breton Museum Summer Employment Opportunity MUSEUM ASSISTANT

30 Hours/Week

Tentative Dates: May 13 - August 30, 2024 Applicants must meet Canada Summer Job Grant Criteria

Duties will include:

- Providing Interpretive Information/Tours to Visitors
 Assist with Documentation and Cataloguing of
 - Museum Artifacts

 Developing Social Media Content
 - Open and close museum as required
 - Assist in Research and Exhibit Development
 - Maintain a clean and neat Facility

Skills Required:

- A passion for history
 Comfortable interacting with the public,
 Detail oriented
 - Good oral and writing skills
- Computer skills using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

Preference given to individuals pursuing a career path in any of the following fields: Museum/Archival Studies, other related fields in the Heritage Sector or Education with a focus on History.

We thank all applicants for your interest, but only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline April 19, 2024 Email Resume to: <u>bretonmuse@yahoo.com</u> Mail to: Breton Museum Box 696 Breton, AB TOC 0P0

CAREER OPPORTUNITY 2024/06 Transfer Station Attendant

The **County of Wetaskiwin** is seeking applications for a permanent part-time Transfer Station Attendant for Buck Lake Transfer Station.

For further information and position requirements, visit our website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/jobs

Applications, along with cover letter, can be emailed directly to <u>bwolter@county10.ca</u>. Please include Posting Number on application.



Deadline for Applications: Monday, March 25, 2024



(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg&Surrounding Areas)

<u>March 20</u> - Warburg Seed Cleaning 60th Anniversary Customer Appreciation BBQ from 11am - 2pm at the Warburg Pioneer Rec Centre. CFCW Live on location.

<u>March 21</u> - Living Well, Sprouting Program with Robert Schmidt at the Warburg Library. 10am - 5pm. FREE Recipe Instruction Booklets to anyone 55+ who attends.

March 21 & 22 - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 6:30pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

<u>March 22</u> - Spring Fiesta Name that Tune & Karaoke at the Winfield Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. \$10 Cover Charge. Hosted by Winfield Ag Society. Call 780-514-6671 for info.

March 23 - Tin Foil Sculpting, Art in the Hall at the Winfield Hall from 10-12:30pm. Ages 7-13, \$20/person. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register

March 23 - Needle Felted Eggs, Art in the Hall at the Winfield Hall from 10-12:30pm. Ages 14+, \$20/person. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register

<u>March 23</u> - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 2pm & 6:30pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

<u>March 24</u> - Oliver Twist presented by Miss Joannes School at the Eleanor Pickup Centre in Drayton Valley. 2pm. Tickets at Heads Up in Breton or call 780-621-2430

<u>March 26</u> - Beach Day Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13. 10am - 2:30pm. Breton Community Centre. Limited Spaces so pre-register at 780-696-3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

<u>March 27</u> - Tacos & Movie Afternoon Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13. 11-3:30pm. Breton Community Centre. Limited Spaces so pre-register at 780-696-3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

<u>March 28</u> - Crafts & Ice Cream Spring Break Activity for ages 6-13. 1-3:30pm. Breton Community Centre. Limited Spaces so pre-register at 780-696-3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

March 28 - Easter Meat Bingo at the Thorsby Seniors Centre at 6:30pm.

<u>March 29</u> - Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Breton Community Centre at 2pm. Pick up coloring contest sheets at Breton ATB, Library or the Village office. Drop off by March 25.

<u>April 6</u> - Gord Bamford Canadian Dirt Tour 2024 at Warburg Community Center. Go to <u>www.showpass.com/gord-bamford-</u>

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April 6 - Self Defense Class at the Warburg School, Full day of Training, lunch provided. \$40/person. Pre-register with Shauna at FCSS 780-848-2828 or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>April 6</u> - Willow Weaving Workshop at the Winfield Hall from 10am-12pm. Ages 9-15, \$50/person. Hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. To register email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 6</u> - Willow Weaving Workshop at the Winfield Hall from 1-4pm. Adults 16+, \$60/person. Hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. To register email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u>

<u>April 12</u> - Spring Pruning Workshop hosted by Winfield Ag Society. \$50 per person include dinner. Email <u>dmmorton85@gmail.com</u> to register by April 1.

<u>April 13</u> - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, food and a vendor market! Tickets \$30, at Breton & Warburg FCSS or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

<u>April 13</u> - 58th Annual Trophy Night Banquet for Thorsby & District Fish & Game at the Warburg Hall at 5:30pm. Reserve tickets with Brent 780-898-5013 or Cara 780-621-8709

<u>April 18</u> - Mulhurst Bay Quilt Club, Ladies Day Luncheon at Mulhurst Bay Community Hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance-\$45, Darlene 780-389-3747 or cell 780-914-0923

April 19 - Warburg Volunteer Appreciation. at the Warburg Community Hall. Tickets at the Village office \$20 for Volunteers or \$30 for non volunteers. Call 780-848-2828 for info.

<u>April 29</u> - Melodies in Bloom Spring Concert at 7pm by the Lakeshore Singers choir joined by the Falun Children's Choir at the Lakedell Ag Society large hall. Admission by donation

<u>May 4</u> - Cookie Run - Run, Walk, Roll for Costello in Thorsby. Chance to win Taylor Swift Tickets in Toronto on Nov 14 with \$1000 West Jet Gift Card and 2 nights accommodation. www.raceroster.com/events/2024/86181/cookie-run

<u>May 11</u> - Ride for Mom & Community Yard Sale in Breton. Call the Breton Village office or email <u>cao@breton.ca</u>

July 15 -19 - Bus to Swim 2024 for youth ages 5+ at Drayton Valley Pool. Register at FCSS Breton <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or FCSS Warburg <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (AQUASIZE OR WALMART) -

Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed the Thursday prior to the Monday trip to save your seat. Contact Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828.

<u>CARDS & FLOOR CURLING</u> at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

TUESDAYS

YOGA FOR WELLNESS - Every Tuesday from 10 -11 am at the Breton Community Centre until April 30. Adult Only. Instructed by June Knobel. \$2 drop in fee.

CHILDREN'S GYM TIME - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures. For more info 780-514-5070.

FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 12:30pm

FOOT WELLNESS services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Services include nail care, pedicures, detox treatments. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services to book.

KNIT & KACKLE - meet to knit and crochet items to be give to non profits. No experience necessary. The 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Breton Faith Covenant Church at 1pm. Contact Gaylene at 780-696-3597

BRETON BOOK CLUB meets at the Library the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

THURSDAYS

WALKING GROUP on Thursdays at the Breton Community Centre from 9:30-10:30am. \$2 drop in fee. Please bring inside shoes.

FRIDAYS

ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM on Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Breton Community Centre. Equipment Provided. Drop In \$2 per class. For more information call 780-696-3636

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community Hall the first Friday of every month.

SATURDAYS

<u>CRIB</u> at the Breton Golden Age Club on Saturdays at 12:30pm. Contact Larry at 780-975-8755

COMMUNITYGROUPS&MEETINGS (Breton&Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

Breton & District Historical Society - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. 780-898-1155 or <u>bretonmuse@yahoo.com</u>

Breton Golden Age Club - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). 780-898-1651 or dwaymon@telus.net

Breton Royal Purple Elks No. 285 - Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm (except July & August) at the Community Hall. 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

Breton Municipal Library Board - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm (except July & August). 780-696-3740 or <u>bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca</u>

Buck Creek Community Association - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or buckcreekhall@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

Breton Ag Society - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. 780-202-0140 or <u>bretonagsociety@gmail.com</u>

Breton Elks 402 - Meetings are at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com

Pick up your FREE "Community Connections" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

Or go online to <u>www.community39.com</u>

You will find information on our local communities including maps, contacts, rental facilities, community groups and supports and more....





Brazeau County

BUDGET 2024

Final budget meetings are scheduled for April 5 and April 8. Meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm and are open to the public.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 27 | Agricultural Services Board meeting | 1 p.m. March 29 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Good Friday April 1 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Easter Monday April 2 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m. April 4 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00 a.m.

CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY

ALUS



Submission deadline: April 2, 2024

Promote ALUS in Brazeau County

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Job details at: brazeau.ab.ca/county-office/careers

For more information and to submit your cover letter/resume: ALUS@brazeau.ab.ca Attn: Nancy Chambers 780-542-7777

TENDER OPPORTUNITY

Invitation to Tender: Caretaker of Easyford Community Centre

Brazeau County is inviting bids for the contracted caretaker of the Easyford Community Centre located 16 km Northwest of the Town of Drayton Valley. Duties and requirements include the following; however, interested parties are encouraged to carefully review the tender package which can be found at <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca</u>.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY:

Manage and operate the community centre until October 31, 2024, including:

- Facilitate existing bookings, including but not limited to taking payment, meeting with clients, ensuring activities are in line with statutory provisions and verification is provided (i.e. liquor permit, food handling), and responding to inquiries throughout the contract term
- Maintain the community centre and grounds in good working order for clients and as outlined in Appendix A.3 of the tender package
- Communicate with clients and the public in a professional manner and promote the region's recreational opportunities where
 possible
- Develop and implement an approved risk management plan as described in Appendix A.4 of the tender package

CARETAKER REQUIREMENTS:

- · Carry liability insurance as outlined in subsection A.5 in the tender package
- · Carry Worker's Compensation, as required

For complete information on the requirements for the caretaker, please see the tender package at <u>www.brazeau.ab.ca</u>. Please direct inquires to Colin Loose, Parks & Recreation Supervisor at (780) 542-7777 or by email at <u>cloose@brazeau.ab.ca</u>.

<u>Closing Time April 3. 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.</u>





Please feel welcome to contact me at <u>fcss@breton.ca</u> or 780-696-3636. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4pm.

Just when we thought winter may be over, we get a rude reminder that the snow and cold are not quite done with us. With the heavy snowfall forecasted if you are able to assist a neighbor or senior on your street, it is greatly appreciated.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - For Low Income Persons, Families, seniors and students. Although this is something that most of us would like to avoid thinking about and doing, I am afraid that this is unavoidable. You need to file your income tax each year, even if you have no income to report. By doing this you may receive benefits that you did not know you were eligible for. Also, in the event of the death of your spouse, benefits can easily be transferred to you, if you have filled a return for the last calendar year. The focus of the Community Volunteer Tax Program is to assist those individuals who have limited income. This includes seniors, families, and students. If your income is approximately in one of the following categories, you may gualify for assistance. 1 person - \$35,000 / Couple - \$45,000 / Family \$52,500

We are not able to complete returns with income from the following sources: *Capital Gains or Losses, Farming Income, Rental Income, Self-Employment, Interest exceeding* \$1,000, Bankruptcies, Deceased Persons

This service is FREE to those who qualify. If you require this service, please gather your information, and bring it to the Village of Breton office Monday to Thursday between 8:30 - 4pm. Clients will be notified when your return is completed. The program will run from March 1 – April 30, 2024

Changes to Alberta Government Payments -Albertans who rely on the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support programs will get their payments four business days before the first of the month. Here are the next few payment dates: *April Payment*-*March*-25

"Yoga for Wellness" Every Tuesday 10 am to 11 am until April 30, 10–11am, Breton Community Center. Gentle flow yoga to help strengthen and relax the body and the mind. Pose sequences, meditation and breath work also promotes flexibility, balance, as well as, mind and body wellness. Adults of all ages are welcome; however class content was developed with age 55 plus in mind. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with, Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2 drop in fee **The Adult Exercise Program** - This class runs from 9:30–10:30am on Friday mornings. Equipment is provided. Class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants can do the exercise standing or sitting, whichever their ability will allow. Facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants pay a small fee of \$2/ class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley -Monday Mornings - Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:15 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass from the Village of Breton office. Register with Shauna the Thursday prior to the Monday class to save your seat on the bus. If you register with the Active 55 program (at the pool) and live in Brazeau County (including the Village of Breton) there is no cost for the Aqua Size class. If you do not qualify for Active 55 the cost for the aquacise class is \$7.50 or a 10 card pass for \$67.50. We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip. The bus will also make a stop at Walmart for those that would like to shop for 1 hr.

Walking Group – Thursday Mornings – 9:30 – 10:30am at the Breton Community Centre, Drop In \$2. Organized by Kasey and Lorraine.



SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break Activities

Join us for a few days of fun during Spring Break. Register at

www.docs.google.com/forms/d/1IBFIbeIqMfMGYGGGr LOARcfga05aR1Ea3ck6ytaSpsw/edit

or in person at the Village of Breton Office.

March 26 - Beach Day - 10:00 - 2:30. Join in the fun for "Summer Bingo", games, and pizza

March 27 - Tacos & Movie Afternoon - 11:00 - 3:30 - Movies TBA

March 28 - Crafts & Ice Cream - 1:00 - 3:30

Pre-register / Limited Spaces \$5/ Day/ participant or \$12 / participant for all 3 Days Ages 6 - 13 / Breton Community Centre Contact Breton FCSS for more information 780.696.3636 or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

Community Easter Event Friday, March 29, 2024

Breton FCSS together with the Breton Agricultural Society and the Breton ELKS invite you to join us at the Breton Community Centre – outside for some fun spring activities.

Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 pm

Old Fashion Games - following the Egg Hunt

Easter Bonnet Contest – decorate a hat and show it off at the Community Easter event. Enter as an individual, family or team.

Coloring Contest – pick up your coloring sheets at the Breton Library, ATB or the Village office. Age categories are 6 & under, 7–11, 12–15, 16–adult. Drop off completed sheets by March 25 at ATB. Winners will be notified.

Breton /Warburg Women's Wellness Day Saturday April 13, 2024.

We are excited to partner with Warburg FCSS and bring you a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! Tickets are \$30 and available at the Village of Breton and the Village of Warburg Offices. Tickets are 1/3 sold already!

The day will feature: Keynote - Christine Holubec Jackson - Finding our Super Power Through Adversity: Lessons From the Classroom of Life.

Breakout sessions with:

- Mastering Clutter Lisa Blough
- Full Homestead Thirty-Nine Learn how to make Lavender Deodorant & Fermented Garlic Honey
- Make-up Demo Mikayla Leibel
- Planning with Heart Lisa Blough
- Full Flourished Creekstead Creating a cut flower garden
- Full Sarah's Sourdough Learning about Sourdough making

Closing Speaker Billi J Miller - "Overcoming Diversity: Blooming Where Planted"

If you would like to be a vendor at the event, please contact <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>. Tickets are available at both Breton FCSS and Warburg FCSS.

Bus to Swim - Summer 2024

It is never too early to start thinking about Summer activities. July 15-19,2024 bus leaves Warburg at 10 am, stops in Breton at 10:15, swim lessons at 11-12, then bus leaves at 12:10 from Pool to return home. Please arrive 5 minutes earlier as the bus will be leaving SHARP at 10 am. Cost: \$41 bus for one week + swimming lessons \$55 = \$96 total. Bus to Swim is for youth ages 5+. 4 parent volunteers(must be attending all week) for the bus to swim are needed. If you sign up to volunteer, we will give you \$20 off one child's registration for helping us out. You can register online at

www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSenD8cs0V m r t M I I I q b g Z I g f B Z w F z j M 7 - I y _ A p U -DtHBkAmc2g/viewform or at either the Warburg FCSS office or Breton FCSS office.

Contact us at: WARBURG - Shauna (780-848-2828)or <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u> / BRETON- Deanne (780-696-3636) or <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>

Confirmation of registration is made upon payment. Please send all E-transfers to <u>office@warburg.ca</u>, or pay at either Village office.



Information & Registration for the Breton Community Garden

Thursday March 28, 2024

7:00 pm At the Breton Community Centre

Registration and waiver forms must be signed in order to secure your garden space for 2024.

If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Lexya at 403-704-6687.



Breton & Warburg Women's Wellness Day

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

Breton Community Centre

Keynote -Christine Holubec Jackson

- Mastering Clutter
- Homestead Thirty-nine Purposeful Wellness
- Makeup Demo
- Distant
- Planning with Heart
- Creating a Cutflower Garden
- Sourdough Starter

"Closing - Overcoming Diversity: Blooming Where Planted"

Door Prizes Vendor Fair Lunch

Choose 2 breakout sessions

Tickets available at Breton and Warburg FCSS Offices

Get the girls together for a day of laughing, learning, shopping and fun!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Breton and District Historical Society

April 22, 2024 7:00 PM At Breton Museum

For the Purpose of:

Election of Officers to the Board of Directors, Acceptance of the Financial Statements of the organization, and other required business

> For more information: Phone (780) 898 - 1155 <u>bretonmuse@yahoo.com</u> Breton Museum Facebook Page

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ANOTHER 50 WTF FACTS

from the internet....

- 1. The average raindrop falls at 7 mph.
- 2. Guy Fawkes is the reason men are called "guys."
- 3. Lizards communicate by doing push-ups.
- 4. A giant squid has eyes the size of a volleyball.
- 5. The average American will eat 35,000 cookies in their lifetime.
- 6. Banks have therapists known as "wealth psychologists" who help clients who are unable to mentally cope with their immense wealth.
- 7. Dogs have been banned from Antarctica since April 1994 out of concern that dogs might spread diseases to seals.
- 8. Smelling apples or bananas can help you lose weight.
- 9. In 1998, more than 50% of Iceland's population believed in the existence of elves.
- 10. The hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backward.
- 11. Beavers were once the size of bears.
- 12. A pigeon's feathers weigh more than their bones.
- 13. A crocodile can't move its tongue.
- 14. Honeybees navigate using the sun as their compass.
- 15. If you sneeze traveling 60 mph, your eyes are closed for an average of 50 feet.
- 16. Hawaii is the only state to grow coffee commercially.
- 17. The square dance is the official state dance of Washington.
- 18. When dinosaurs roamed the earth, volcanos were erupting on the moon.
- 19. The only letters that don't appear on the periodic table are J and Q.
- 20. A single strand of spaghetti is called a "spaghetto."
- 21. At birth, a baby panda is smaller than a mouse.
- 22. In 1923, a jockey suffered a fatal heart attack midrace. His horse finished and won the race, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death.
- 23. In order to protect themselves from poachers, African elephants have been evolving without tusks.
- 24. In order to keep Nazis away, a Polish doctor faked a typhus outbreak that saved more than 8,000 people.
- 25. The spiked dog collar was invented by the ancient Greeks to protect their dogs from wolf attacks.
- 26. German chocolate cake is named after an American baker named Samuel German.
- 27. During World War II, Germany planned to collapse

the British economy by dropping millions of counterfeit bills over London.

- 28. The youngest pope in history was Pope Benedict IX. He is also the only person to have been the pope more than once.
- 29. The tallest man in recorded history was 8'11.
- 30. IKEA is an acronym that stands for Ingvar Kamprad Elmtaryd Agunnaryd: the founder's name, the farm where he grew up, and his hometown.
- 31. There is a town in Nebraska called Monowi with a population of one. The only resident is a woman who serves as mayor, bartender, and librarian.
- 32. The unique smell of rain actually comes from plant oils, bacteria, and ozone.
- 33. Vanilla flavoring is sometimes made with a liquid secreted from beavers' castor glands.
- 34. The oldest unopened bottle of wine was found in a Roman tomb was is more than 1,650 years old.
- 35. In 2016, Domino's tested pizza delivery via reindeer in Japan.
- 36. Helen Keller is related to Robert E. Lee—her paternal grandfather was his second cousin.
- 37. Starfish don't have blood. They circulate nutrients by using seawater in their vascular system.
- 38. Adult cats only meow at humans, not other cats.
- 39. Video games have been found to be more effective at battling depression than some kinds of therapy.
- 40. It's a common belief in Russia that eating ice cream will keep you warm.
- 41. Underneath the streets of Beijing, there is around a million people who live in nuclear bunkers.
- 42. A study from Harvard University finds that having no friends can be just as deadly as smoking. Both affect levels of a blood-clotting protein.
- 43. All new FBI special agents and intelligence analysts are required to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- 44. Garlic is known to attract leeches.
- 45. New York City mob boss Vincent Gigante used to avoid arrest by wandering around in his bathrobe to convince the police he was insane.
- 46. Bubble wrap was originally invented to be a kind of plastic wallpaper.
- 47. Jeannette Rankin was elected to the House of Representatives four years before women had won the right to vote.
- 48. In the Netherlands' version of Sesame Street, there's a bluebird named Pino instead of Big Bird. Pino was later introduced as Big Bird's cousin.
- 49. Portions of Bible have been translated into more than 3,000 languages. Among those include fictional languages, like Elvish, Klingon and Na'vi.
- 50. The longest hiccup in history lasted for more than 60 years after it began.

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Submitted by Russell Hickman Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, Drayton Valley

Oooohs, Aaaahs, and laughter were constant throughout two hours of Chris Funk's style of magic on the Pembina Stage.

The "Wonderist" captivated and befuddled the EPAC audience with trick after trick that defied reality. His magic mastered balance, electrical current, cards, common sense and even gravity. Funk's stage patter gentle teased, encouraged, and humoured the many



a u d i e n c e volunteers called on stage to assist. The well attended, all ages performance left all ages wondering what did l just see?

The "Wonderist" Chris Funk levitates an audience picked card from the deck's box with a charmed violin solo.



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OBITUARY SCAMS: A Way to Say Goodbye or Commit Fraud?

Alberta Rural Crime Watch Association

Our loved ones lived full lives before their passing, and we want to share that life, whether it was their parents' names, where they worked for 40 years or their beloved pet. While obituaries are a way to send off our loved ones and inform our communities of a loss, criminals also use the information in these articles to commit fraud.

Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association and our crime prevention partners want to help you give your friends and family a proper send-off that will also keep their information and you safe from scammers.

What Are Obituary Scams?

Obituary scams involve exploiting details from obituaries to target grieving families or friends. Scammers typically take facts from public obituaries, such as the names and relationships of the deceased and birthdates, and then form their scam. Scammers may contact individuals through email, phone calls, or even in person, claiming to have a connection to the deceased and fabricating urgent situations that require financial assistance. This is a growing concern, especially with obituaries moving online. It's no longer the criminal down the street that you have to worry about seeing an obituary in the local newspaper; scam artists worldwide have access to this information online.

These scams can also include fake charity requests, false debt collection, or phishing attempts.

It's important to exercise caution and verify any unexpected requests or communications, especially during vulnerable times such as mourning a loss.

Criminals can also commit fraud by using the deceased information. If they can find personal details about the deceased, they can use the information to commit identity fraud, such as opening credit cards, renting vehicles or residences, or opening telephone accounts.

Gathering Information from Obituaries

To find a target, scammers crawl obituaries listed in local newspapers, funeral homes, and other online platforms. Information from obituaries can be used to create accounts and answer security questions. While we want to share everything that made our loved ones great, you could put your family and friends in a serious situation.

Here is a list of information that scammers can use that is commonly found in obituaries.

- Full legal name - Nickname - Birthdate and death date -Birthplace - Place of residence at death - Name of significant other - Full names of parents and siblings -Date and time of funeral services - Names of pallbearers - Name of funeral home and cemetery - Childhood & Education - Children & Grandchildren - Employment -Extra-curricular activities - Retirement - Home life -Special pets

Prevention and Protection

When writing an obituary, you should exercise caution and avoid providing unnecessary personal details. Don't include the both deceased's day and month of birth, employment history, or home address. You should also be careful about including the information mentioned above. Scammers can use this information to impersonate the deceased and commit fraud. This way, you can significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to obituary scams.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

In the digital age, you must be vigilant and report any suspicious activity related to your loved ones. If you come across a potentially fraudulent obituary or notice unauthorized use of personal information, report it to local law enforcement or online platforms hosting the obituary. Timely reporting can help authorities act quickly to investigate and prevent further damage.

Additional Measures for Executors

If you are acting as an executor for an estate, take these extra steps to secure the deceased's information:

- Alert credit bureaus to place a flag on the deceased's profile as soon as possible.
- Alert the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Service Canada so they can place a flag on the deceased's social insurance number and CRA account.
- Inform the deceased's financial institutions and the utility providers, including cell phone providers.
- Monitor their bank and utility account activity until they are closed.

While we try to honour and remember our loved ones, we share their lives through obituaries, which have evolved from local newspapers to digital platforms. However, criminals exploit the personal details we willingly provide in these tributes, putting us at risk of fraud.

The Alberta Provincial Crime Watch Association and our crime prevention partners want to ensure that your friends and family are not targeted by scammers. Obituary scams have become a global concern as criminals gather information from online obituaries to impersonate family members or steal the identity of the deceased to open accounts or steal money.

Together, we can help these tributes remain sincere and the memories of our loved ones are honoured without having to worry about fraud.

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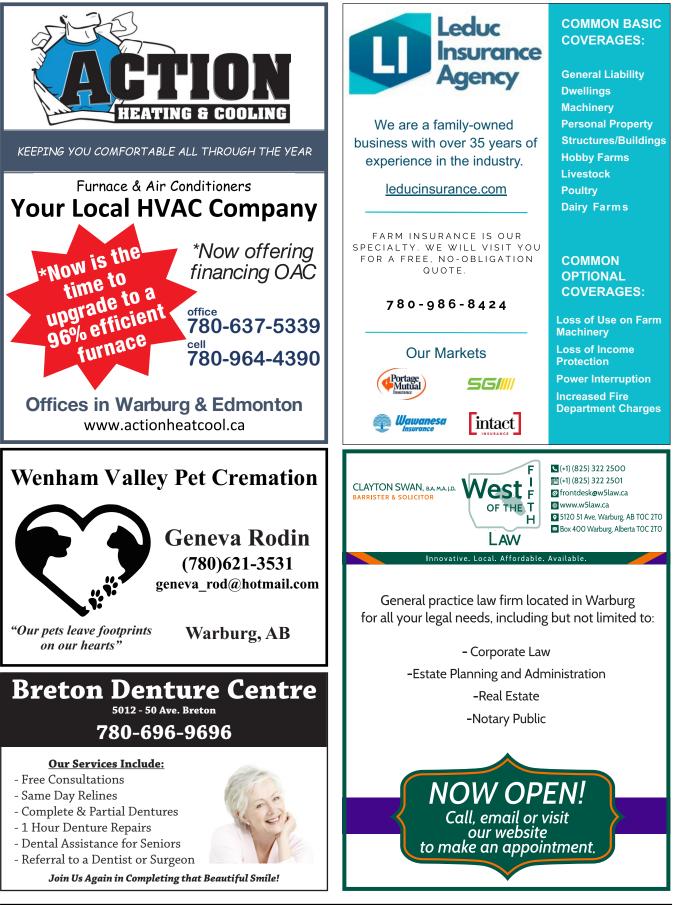
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is an analysis (mine) of the cost to send 5 councillors (including the Reeve) (of which only two are on the Ag Service Board), 2 members at large, and 2 staff to an Agricultural Service Board Conference in Lethbridge January 22 to 24 this year.

Information is taken from council honorarium claim forms as well as the conference website.

Limitations: The total cost for councillors as submitted is very close to \$15,000 or within dollars of \$3,000 per councillor. Since only 2 submitted hotel fees, costs for the other 3 are assumed. Also, it can be assumed that the 2 members at large cost about \$3,000 each as well, but staff cost can only be guessed. (There were some costs, but accuracy is sacrificed.) In addition, Conference registration fees appear to be around a total of \$7,000 according to the conference website.

Conclusion: It could be easily assumed that this conference cost the taxpayers of Brazeau at least \$25,000. The question is, what do we get in return?

Considerations/questions:

--Why do we pay for expenses (meals) without receipts? --Why do we pay the Reeve, reeve rates, when there is no relationship to his designation to this conference.

--Why were so many allowed to attend? Can the councillors not write detailed reports for others' edification? If not, send someone who can.

Apparently, it was revealed (learned at this conference) that drones cannot be used to spot spray. This same information could be had online. (an expensive learning?) It is my information, first, that drone spraying with pesticides is illegal in Canada and secondly, that one must have an applicator's license to spray. This raises the question as to why the county would be interested, given the liability associated with it.

Summary: Since at least 3 councillors are NOT on the ASB, why did they go? a paid holiday?

Since it is taxpayer dollars that pay for this exercise, are we not entitled to know/have access to anything/everything presented? How does it help us taxpayers to send 9 people to one conference?

Perhaps a final question could be: Just how does the expended \$25,000 for this conference help us farmers improve our farming since none of the expertise that was shared at the conference has been made available to the public.

Lynn Oberle / Brazeau County / March 11, 2024

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Laurie's **S** Laughs



I have a bumper sticker that says "Honk If You Think I'm Sexy."

Then I just sit at green lights until I feel better about myself.

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

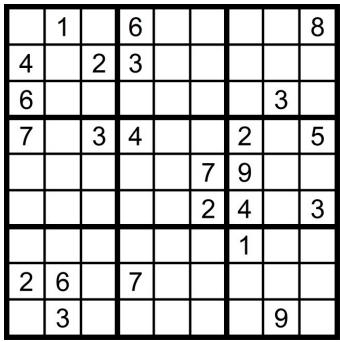
I have not figured out how to have a wine collection.....I do however have an extensive cork collection.....



DIET TIP:

If you think you're hungry you might just be thirsty.

Drink a pitcher of margaritas and see how you feel.



Answers will be published in the next issue!

